



# Daily Update

## Yukon Delta National Wildlife Refuge

### Kuskokwim River Federal Subsistence Fisheries

*This Update provides current information regarding this year's salmon run and current fishing regulations.*

August 4, 2016

#### Current Regulations

**U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has published a new Final Rule on closure regulations and the non-subsistence take of wildlife in Alaska National Wildlife Refuges. To Access the rule and other documents relating to the rule, please visit: [http://www.fws.gov/alaska/nwr/ak\\_nwr\\_pr.htm](http://www.fws.gov/alaska/nwr/ak_nwr_pr.htm).** The State of Alaska has rescinded several restrictions to the Kuskokwim River subsistence fishery: Gillnet use in the Kwethluk, Kasigluk, Kisaralik, Tuluksak, Aniak and Eek rivers; 6-inch or less mesh requirements for subsistence gillnets; and the closed waters at the mouth of the Aniak. Subsistence fishing from the mouth of the Kuskokwim to the Kuskokwim River headwaters is allowed until further notice. Users are required to mark net buoys with their first initial, last name, and address. A dedicated message with current federal regulations can be reached at 907-543-1037, and you can call 907-543-2433 if you need clarification on State fishing regulations.

#### Biological Update

The majority of Chinook, chum, and sockeye salmon have passed the Bethel area. The cumulative CPUE at the Bethel Test Fishery for Chinook, chum, and sockeye salmon is higher for each species than in 2015. As of August 3, the cumulative CPUE for coho salmon at the Bethel Test Fishery is 619, compared with 661 and 1191 in 2015 and 2014, respectively. Please note that the Bethel Test Fishery was not able to fish on July 30 and July 31; Alaska Department of Fish and Game provided CPUE estimates for non-fishing days and these estimates are and will continue to be reflected in cumulative CPUE data listed on *The Daily Update*.

#### Moving Forward

As the summer continues, *The Daily Update* will only be posted when new biological information becomes available or new management decisions are adopted.

#### Questions?

Call the Refuge at (907) 543-3151 or at (800) 621-5804. Contact the Alaska Department of Fish and Game at 907-543-2433 or 1-855-933-2433 if you have any questions about State fishing regulations.



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